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Paul, Gary, Dick, Howard,

Re; my earlier Nichols memos and copy of letter to LOOK, I today received a letter from the executive editor saying, "we do not plan to publish a piece prepared by Dr. John Nichols at this time, or in the foreseeable future. In the unlikely event this decision changes, we will, of course, review your rights in the matter. Thank you for taking the time to write us. I'm sorry Dr. Nichols caused you undue concern."

From this I take it that John had completed and submitted the article, which may not be the case, that my letter was not a deciding factor, and as Dick will understand, a little greed goes a long way.

To this memo, I have sent John copies. To this moment, he has remained silent. He has not responded. He has not made any comment on the letter I wrote to LOOK, of which I also sent him a copy.

As of now, he claims to have copyrighted two things that are not his: what is entirely mine on 399 and what is largely Dick's, but I was involved, with the empty shells. I regard this as Dick's. With repsect to his duplication of pictures we had taken at the Archives, of which Dick generously sent him copies, he has duplicated this work in his own name, obtained a copyright, and sent me and I presume Dick copies of it.

The resultant mess over the 399 pictures is still unresolved. They have not responded to my letters, have not taken the pictures I asked, have not sent the records I asked.

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